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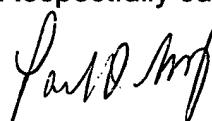
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Cited in the attached PTO-1449 are U.S. Patent Nos. 5,417,821, 5,591,321, 6,041,643, 6,109,094, 6,155,100, 6,182,500, 6,202,473, 6,278,133, 6,291,838, 6,298,710, 6,378,355, 6,418,784 and 6,474,139. Pursuant to the waiving of the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of these U.S. references are not enclosed.

A copy of foreign patents EP 0737859, DE 10031549; DE 10032062 and DE 19960798 as well as available English abstracts of the aforementioned patents are enclosed herewith. Articles entitled "A Pt/Ga₂O₃-ZnO/SiC Schottsky Diode-Based Hydrocarbon Gas Sensor" and "Interface States in High-Temperature Gas Sensors Based on Silicon Carbide" are enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,



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